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AND

The reſt of the Clergy of the Province of *CANTERBURY*,

In CONVOCATION Aſſembled;

Preſented to

HIS MAJESTY

At *KENSINGTON*,

On *Thurſday* the Twenty ſecond Day of *January*, 1701.

Together with

His Majeſties

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE humbly beg Leave to lay before Your Majeſty, now we are Aſſembled in Convocation, the deep Reſentment that every one of us had, at our firſt Hearing of the great Indignity which the *French* King offer'd to Your Majeſty and Your People, in Declaring the Pretended Prince of *Wales* to be King of Your Majeſties Realms and Dominions.

And we do hereupon take Occaſion to Renew our Sincere Proteſtations of a Firm and Unſhaken Allegiance to Your Majeſty; humbly Aſſuring Your Majeſty, That we will do our utmoſt Endeavours, by Gods Aſſiſtance, in our reſpective Places and Stations, to Defend Your Sacred Perſon, and to Maintain Your Majeſties Rightful Title to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, and the Succeſſion thereof in the Proteſtant Line, as now by Law Eſtabliſh'd, againſt the ſaid Pretended Prince, and all other Your Majeſties Open and Secret Enemies.

We will always, according to our especial Duty, make it our earnest Prayer to God, That He will long continue Your Majesties happy Reign over us, that You may Perfect all those great Works, in which He hath hitherto Wonderfully Conducted You with so much Glory and Success, for the Peace and Welfare of these Kingdoms, the Support of all Your Allies, the Safety and Tranquillity of *Europe*, and the Preserving the Protestant Religion, both here in this Church of *England* by Law Establish'd, and in all other Protestant Churches.

His Majesties most Gracious Answer.

My Lords, and the rest of the Clergy,

I *Cannot but be very much Pleased with these Expressions of your Affection to Me, and your Concern for the Honour of the Nation; For Maintaining the Succession to the Crown in the Protestant Line; And for the Preservation of the Protestant Churches. And I am glad of this Opportunity to give you fresh Assurances of My firm Resolution, in especial manner, to Protect and Support the Church of* England *as by Law Established.*

FINIS.